

**IMPLANTABLE SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATH PREVENTION DEVICE  
WITH REDUCED PROGRAMMABLE FEATURE SET**

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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

10 Preventing sudden cardiac death involves providing an implantable device configured to deliver only two forms of cardiac therapy, the two forms of cardiac therapy including an anti-tachyarrhythmia therapy and an asystole prevention pacing therapy. The tachyarrhythmia therapy is delivered in response to detecting a tachyarrhythmia, and the pacing therapy is delivered in response to detection of a 15 cardiac asystole. An implantable cardiac device for preventing sudden cardiac death may be configured to be fully operational upon setting a therapy On/Off parameter and two or less programmable parameters associated with therapy delivery. Control circuitry configures the device for operation to prevent sudden cardiac death after programming the two or less programmable parameters and enabling the therapy 20 On/Off parameter.